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SUBJECT: GENSCHER VISIT FOCUSES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HORN

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED GENSCHER FEB. 26-MARCH 1 TANZANIAN VISIT
WITH ACTING DCM OF FRG EMBASSY. GERMANS CONSIDERED GENSCHER
VISIT TO BE ROUTINE, BUT A LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP ON NAMIBIA AFTER
NEW YORK PROXIMITY TALKS. GENSCHER'S 90-MAN ENTOURAGE INCLUDED
A LARGE PRESS CONTINGENT. FRG DCM SPECULATED THAT GENSCHER
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WANTED TO USE VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLICITY FOR DOMESTIC
POLITICAL PURPOSES. HE DID NOT RPT NOT THINK TRIP ITSELF WAS
ONLY A GIMMICK FOR THE FOLKS BACK HOME.

2. GENSCHER WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY ONE-HOUR COURTESY CALL ON
NYERERE BUT THIS TURNED INTO THREE-HOUR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
OF NAMIBIA, HORN AND RHODESIA. DISCUSSIONS APPARENTLY PRODUCED

NO SURPRISES AND TANZANIAN POSITIONS WERE PRESENTED MUCH AS WE ALREADY UNDERSTAND THEM.

3. TWO HOURS WERE DEVOTED TO NAMIBIA. NYERERE STATED THAT HE TRUSTED WESTERN FIVE EFFORTS TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THE GERMANS GOT THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT NYERERE TRUSTED IN NO MORE THAN THAT AND DID NOT TRUST THE WESTERN FIVE TO INCLUDE SWAPO COMPLETELY IN THEIR PLANS.

4. THE HORN RECEIVED ALMOST AN HOUR. NYERERE WAS CONCERNED THAT "ONE COUNTRY" (THE GERMANS WERE SURE HE MEANT THE US) WAS THREATENING ETHIOPIA AGAINST CROSSING INTO SOMALI TERRITORY. GENSCHER ASSURED NYERERE OF FRG NEUTRALITY IN THE HORN BUT THE GERMANS CAME AWAY BELIEVING NYERERE WISHED THEM TO ABANDON THAT NEUTRALITY IN FAVOR OF ETHIOPIA.

5. RHODESIA RECEIVED ONLY A FEW MINUTES AND WAS COVERED IN GENERAL TERMS.

6. GENSCHER'S VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE OCCURRED IN A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE. IT WAS OF ADEQUATE LENGTH TO GIVE TANZANIANS THE IMPRESSION THAT HE REALLY HAD COME TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. AID MATTERS WERE NOT NEGLECTED AND GENSCHER SIGNED UP FOR A \$6 MILLION LOAN TO TANZANIA'S RAILWAYS (THE MONEY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR NOW-DEFUNCT EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS CORPORATION). TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA ANNOUNCED HE HAD

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ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT WEST GERMANY.
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